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Director's Meeting

Tuesday, 25 March 1952

PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Becker, Hedden, Earman, Col. White

The Director:

a. Stated he had received a letter from Gen. Ridgway yesterday concerning evaluation of our reports and asked Mr. Becker to prepare a reply. He also stated that we should be able to give Gen. Ridgway the standard numerical and letter evaluation and asked Mr. Becker to discuss this with Gen. Bolling.

b. Referred to some information from the [redacted] Moscow and again 25X1 discussed his desire that we organize in order to take immediate counteraction to Soviet propaganda. Mr. Wisner noted that we were doing this and one way to speed up action would be to give more flexibility in the field. Mr. Wisner pointed out, however, that if such flexibility was given and we missed one time we would let ourselves in for trouble. The Director stated nevertheless we should have an SOP for various types of counteractions and, by the use of a code word to the field, set these counteractions in motion.

c. Raised the question of the budget presentation for the House Appropriations Committee tomorrow and, after considerable discussion as to how this would be done, stated that

1. He would lead off with a brief over-all statement;

2. To be followed by 10-minute talks by the experts:

(a) Col. Johnston - Chinese Guerrilla Operations

(b) [redacted] - Korean Guerrilla Operations

(c) [redacted] - Secret Operations

(d) Sherman Kent - Estimates

(e) Bob Amory - Analysis

(f) George Carey - Exploitation of Financial and Industrial Sources

(g) Mr. Becker - General Subject of Intelligence

(h) Mr. Dulles - Propaganda to Include Radio Free Europe

(i) Mr. Wolf - Over-all Budget.

(NOTE: The order of the above presentations has not yet been determined.) The Director also stated that (1) he did not want a "room full" of people and that individuals would be called in to "speak their piece and depart;" (2) he desired a copy of the recent SO report on the Kremlin and would possibly extract certain paragraphs therefrom which he would give to the Committee; (3) he did not desire the great number of charts and "other items."

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Mr. Dulles:

a. Referred to the President's message on Aid to Escapees and stated that we should get this on "the radio" as soon as possible. Mr. Wisner noted that such action was being taken and we have the concurrence of State.

b. Asked if the Kirsten Amendment should be carried forward. The Director said that it should not but there should be new legislation under the President's message on "Escapees." In connection with this message, the DCI stated that we would not appear before any Congressional Committee.

Mr. Wisner:

a. Raised the question of the T/O prepared by [redacted] The Director 25X1 stated he had briefly discussed this with [redacted] and instructed him to submit 25X1 it through his Chief. It would then be considered together with recommendations to be submitted by [redacted] and Johnston.

b. Noted that [redacted] was coming in to see him this afternoon and would, 25X1 in all probability, ask for assistance in securing certain types of equipment for 25X1 [redacted] The Director stated he would approve special equipment but arms would have to be furnished by Defense. After some discussion, Mr. Wisner undertook to furnish recommendations to the Director on the type and amount of equipment we could supply. The DCI agreed to discuss this with [redacted] this afternoon. 25X1

c. Noted that Mr. Harriman would like to participate in our discussion this afternoon with [redacted] and had requested that it be held in his office. The DCI approved.

d. Raised the question of the Director seeing Gen. Gruenthal while he was here and, in response to a query from the DCI, stated that there was nothing pressing for us to take up with him.

f. Noted that MSA was "sitting" on the paper sent to them by State regarding certain equipment [redacted] The Director asked that this be taken up with Mr. Harriman this afternoon when Messrs. Dulles and Wisner see him.

Mr. Hedden:

a. Noted that Senator Dirksen had called concerning our latest letter to Congressman Busbey. After some discussion, the Director gave Mr. Hedden certain instructions as to how the reply should be handled.

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